

Minutes - Research Council Meeting
March 15, 2024
Hybrid capable, Goessmann Laboratory 250
9:00-10:30 am

In Attendance: J. Allan, M. Budig, C. Burnett, R. Clement, L. Cordeiro, R. DeConto, J. Dillard-Wright, S. Fefer, L. Goldner, B. Hundley, L. Keough, B. Jakob, R. Jentoft, K. Lachman, J. Lundquist, J. Mager, A. Nagurney, J. Normanly, M. Pachucki, P. Reinhart, E. Ricciardi, B. Shelburne, K.P. Tandukar, M. Tuominen, J. Urla, D. Venkataraman, L. Walker, B. Whitcomb, C. Wilda, L. Wolf.

Welcome

- J. Normanly welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Quick review and approval of minutes from February 16th.
 - [2024_2_16_RC Minutes for approval.docx](#)
 - Motion made to approve with two minor changes then passed without dissent.

Task Force & Committee updates

- RCC (Mark Tuominen)
 - Discussed having representation from various colleges as well as the chair position and will recruit in the Fall.
- RAAB
 - No representation at meeting
- A1 Task Force (Lisa Wolf is the RC rep; Loren Walker is research Subcommittee Leader)
 - Defer to discussion later in agenda.
- Grad Student Funding (Bryan Coughlin, Lori Goldner, Gaurav Mitra, Jackie Urla)
 - Defer to discussion later in agenda.
- Centers & Institutes TF (Sarah Fefer, Paul Katz, Laura Vandenberg)
 - Meeting once per month with a focus on the criteria from BOT's.
 - Questions answered by C&I directors from survey and provided the results.
 - Comments from RC by April 8th for alignment for eval committee for consideration.

Centers & Institutes reviews –

- All centers committee members to present on April 26th at the RC meeting. Talked about what is expected for the presentation and to focus on criteria and questions that RC would want to know. Suggested a 10-minute presentation.
- Talked about timing of the Rules Committee and Faculty Senate. Rules committee to make a recommendation to FS to put on the agenda and to invite representative from RC.
 - Center for Justice, Law, and Societies in Political Science
 - Center for Racial Justice and Youth Engaged Research
 - Elaine Marieb Center
 - Energy Transition Institute
- Strategic Planning – Research & Creative Activity Working Group progress (Rob DeConto)

For this topic, Rob DeConto will lead a discussion and seeks input from Research Council on the [guiding questions](#) being used to frame the working group's efforts. In addition, the WG is interested in the Council's thoughts on what structure could be in place to better integrate Centers and Institutes into the research process?

- Shared PP and solicited input from RC to answer four guided questions using the Padlet survey link. www.umass.edu/planning
- Strategic Planning – Translation & Knowledge Transfer Working Group progress (Peter Reinhart)
 - Shared PP presentation and summarized the job the team was given, the plan, action items and prioritization. Asked the RC to send along thoughts to Peter and Buju.
- Joint TF on Generative AI Research Subgroup progress (Loren Walker)
 - Gave update on progress.
 - Talked about what to think about using AI – to achieve goals and ethically. Think about conduct before using AI
 - Subgroup recommendations include training, guidance for whole campus, survey, and IRB process.
- Graduate student funding-Discussion (Lori Goldner)
 - Topic to be moved to the next RC meeting.